

## Clergyman... an Oppressive Society

The following is a condensation of an article  
which appeared in the Nov. 6, 1971 issue of

the *Manchester Guardian*.

While world attention focuses on such prominent international problems such as Vietnam, Amchitka, and the Middle East, we are comparatively ignorant of the terror that is South Africa. One of the last bastions of white supremacy, South Africa proved recently that it is running second to no one in the miscarriage of justice.

A five year prison sentence for giving money, clothing, and food to the wives and families of political prisoners—the extent of the repression now practiced in South Africa's police state could not be better illustrated than by that stark fact. The savage verdict passed on the Dean of Johannesburg in the "terrorist" trial was the *minimum* available sentence under the Terrorism Act.

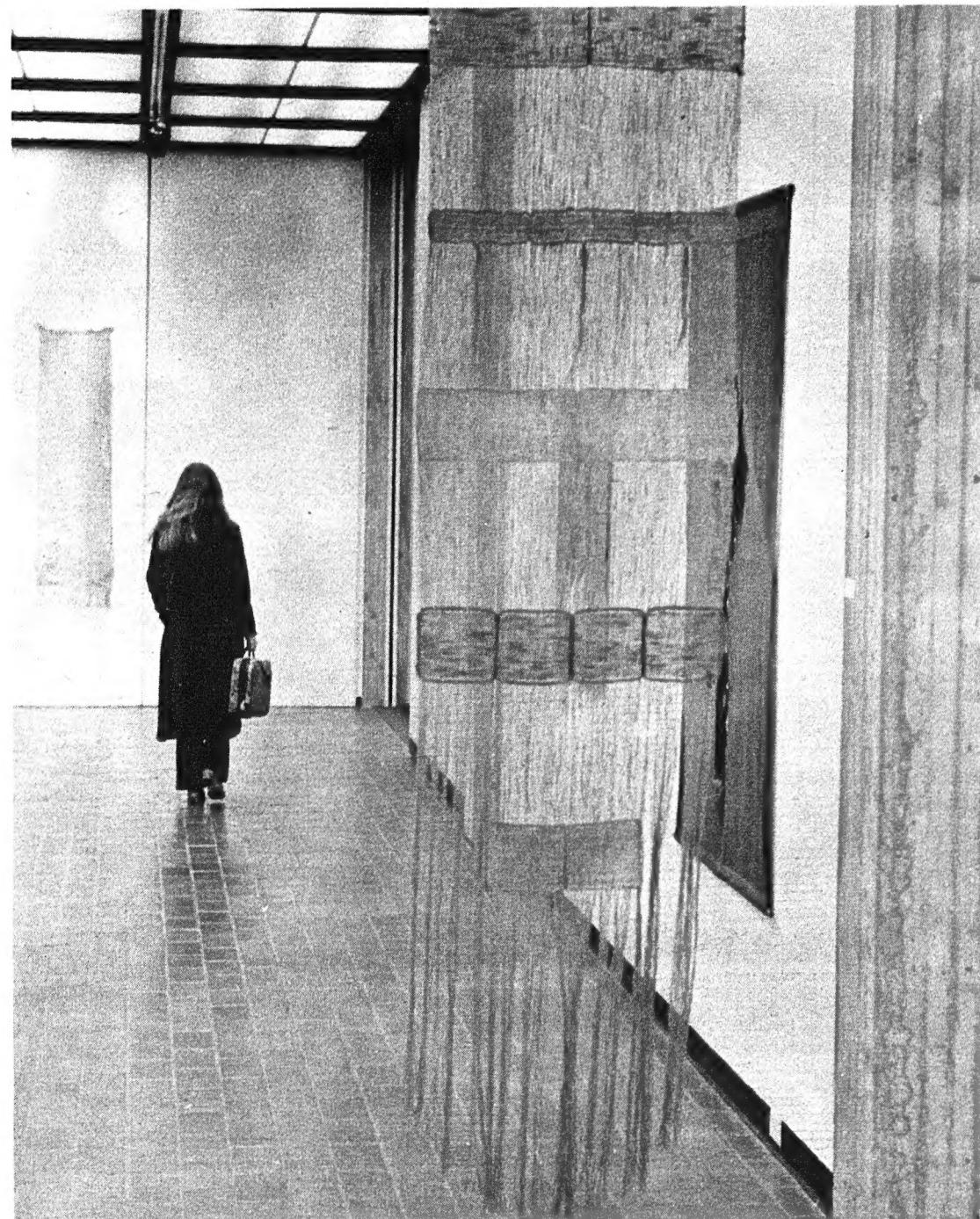
The Dean has been convicted of offences and on evidence which in any other context would seem absurd or insignificant. He gave humanitarian aid to political prisoners' families. Is charitable work of this kind the Dean performed "terrorism"? Surely it should be part of the normal work of a clergyman in an oppressed society!

But now we come to the key point. Over the past two decades, the South African government has stifled all normal channels for contact with Africans, and all legitimate forms of active dissent. Now the net is tightening on the Church which is the last white organization left with regular access to Africans and—equally important—access to the world outside South Africa. This seems a very plausible motive for the State's action.

The case has shown how extensively the South African regime is prepared to use *agents provocateurs* and police spies inside South Africa.

It is interesting to observe the relative silence by vested business interests in South Africa. British business is dependent on white supremacy in South Africa. The South African Government may in the interests of a better image abroad, allow a few employers to take on a limited amount of black help; it may allow the Bantustan leaders to say mildly irritating things.

What the government will *not* do is to allow Africans the normal industrial and political rights of trade union and party activity. For even suggesting it in a theoretical discussion with a white audience, a mild-mannered, elderly, and religious white man can become a terrorist. What hope is there then for dialogue? Police swoops, mass arrests are becoming routine; so is the South African Government's decision to constantly refuse proper judicial inquiries. There is enough happening in South Africa to warrant something more than an occasional skeptical glance.



Ken Bird photo

SUB Art Gallery may look deserted here but it should be crowded once word of the fantastic Whymana Yates hangings gets around. The display is in the gallery until November 26.

## SU workers disappointed

## Ness foresees no difficulty

# Re-interpretation of contract forces reconsideration

By Winston Gereluk

Negotiations between the newly-formed CUPE Local 1368 and Students' Union Building management that were proceeding so cheerily a week ago appear to have hit a snag, one that seems to indicate that labour and management were not really achieving the partnership that they appeared to be progressing towards.

The disillusionment came last week, when SUB workers learned that Darrel Ness, Students' Union General Manager, had managed to attach an interpretation to an agreement they had ratified which would result in contract conditions not at all in accordance with those they had been led to believe were contained.

When preliminary negotiations

concluded Oct. 29, management and CUPE negotiating teams appeared to be in fundamental agreement. Management, it seemed, was granting fairly liberal salary schedule concessions to the SUB workers, and CUPE, for its part, had agreed to forfeit certain important contract demands, such as parity on the selection committee that decides on SUB area and general managers.

CUPE Local members were so happy with the terms of the agreement that they ratified it unanimously at their meeting on Nov. 1. Besides granting general salary increases, the terms of the contract seemed to indicate a closing of the gap between the workers at the top and the bottom of the grid.

Trouble began to brew a

couple of days after the meeting, however, when a worker learned from Mr. Ness that he would be earning considerably less under the terms of the contract than he had been led to believe. When word of this disparity spread, concern amongst the staff became so pronounced that Percy Wickman, President of the Local, sought a meeting with Mr. Ness Thursday, Nov. 4. In this meeting it was learned that an important difference in interpretation did exist.

Mr. Wickman contacted Leo Lancaster, national CUPE negotiator that weekend, and a meeting between the two of them and Mr. Ness took place Tuesday. At that meeting, reportedly punctuated with a great deal of shouting, it was decided that clarification of the two conflicting interpretations was necessary. Mr. Ness and Mr.

Lancaster agreed to accomplish this for early next week.

As near as can be ascertained at this point, CUPE workers are unhappy with two terms in Mr. Ness's interpretation of the agreement. The first concerns his reference to job descriptions that reads "number of years experience required" which finds workers getting docked for these years of experience with SUB. The second major interpretational difficulty would require that all workers who had been with the SUB before April 1 be cut back one step in the agreed salary grid.

Most of the workers contacted by the Gateway expressed deep regret at the impasse in negotiations; most of them have not seen a pay raise for well over a year. It appears that about 90 per cent of them will be getting less than they had expected, if

the contract, as presently interpreted by management goes through.

Mr. Wickman had this to say, "What really annoys me is that we dropped some good clauses, like participation on the selection committee, in order to obtain Ness's revised proposal, and that most of the workers were overjoyed that things were going so well, and that the contract seemed to have been settled so quickly. Leo Lancaster says that he's never seen anything like this before."

Darrel Ness offered this comment when contacted, "All that it is is a matter of interpretation. I don't think at this point that there is a disagreement...we don't know how far we are apart, if we are apart at all. I don't foresee a difficulty."



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# NRC not doing job

The National Research Council, a federal government agency which supplies money for Canadian research grants, is not doing its job in regard to engineering research, Dr. Rolf Kellerhels, associate Professor of Civil Engineering charged Monday.

In one of fifteen briefs presented to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) Commission hearing to study the rationalization of university research, Dr. Kellerhels said that NRC-supported research in engineering is making a totally inadequate contribution to the pressing national needs of the development of secondary industry and of careful resource management.

He said that by placing prominent and heavy weight on publications in referred journals,

the NRC, with its granting policy, (and the university with its promotions) is encouraging not immediately relevant basic research. The university community also drifts into basic research because to many engineers basic research is intellectually more rewarding than industrial development work on local problems. Since the Canadian engineering profession is so closely integrated into the American profession, research is based on American rather than Canadian priorities.

The NRC and the universities should recognise that only a relatively small percentage of university staff members make successful research directors and an even smaller number are competent to do basic research, said Dr. Kellerhels. To remedy the situation the following

suggestions were offered:

With a few exceptions only projects contributing towards national needs should be funded and, to implement this the percentage of academics on Operating Grants Committees should be reduced (to be replaced by engineers).

The number of recipients of NCR grants should be reduced and grants should be given for projects, not in support of continuing work by individuals.

Success of a project should be measured in terms of impact on the Canadian scene, not through publications in referred journals.

The NCR should accept the summer salaries of university members as a research expense and it should encourage the universities to employ engineering faculty staff on an eight or nine month basis. This would encourage the use of university staff and facilities for contract development and sponsoring by industry or governmental operating agencies.



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like "THE GATEWAY SUPPORTS WENDY". I personally don't have anything against Wendy but again I'm not Wayne's greatest fan either, so this isn't my reason for criticizing this policy. This is where I shall leave this issue because if I really disagreed with the whole nature of your magazine I would have signed the petition that was going around.

Let me get down to the main reason for writing this letter, which is written to the Education students. It is to clear up some of the remarks that I've been getting about the Education Students' Association, for it was brought to my attention by some people that a number of students feel we are not doing anything as an organization.

Sure, I admit we are not working up to our fullest capacity yet, but as many students know, we are completely rebuilding the organization right from the ground up and this takes time

and patience. We have been also crying for some students to sit in the office and take down messages and answer the phone, because I myself take a full load of courses and some of the executive take six and a half courses and a day just doesn't have 25 hours in it. As to the notion that we are not doing anything, here are some of the things that we have under way and are trying to get under way.

We have introduced something new to the Faculty of Education to work for the student, and that is the Education Class Rep. This person is to function as your aid in the faculty and as a communication link, so if you do not have an Ed. Class Rep. in all your Education classes you are missing out on your right to have your grievances aired and heard by someone who can help you.

We have set up coffee parties and film fests to keep you informed of the major issues in Education. From these coffee

parties, two things have stemmed.

The first is the fact that Professor Pilkington has now asked us to set up sessions for him whereby he can informally meet with the people who cannot get in to see him during his busy office hours.

The second is the fact that I have been approached by different school divisions suggesting that they will be glad to foot the costs for having coffee parties in the evening so that the students can get information from the different school divisions. This would be in regard to how many students or teachers they can hire, etc.

We have duplicating and photocopying equipment available for those people who want this service. We have three Education Beer fests in the making, but these are pending the decision of the Dean of Men.

We are working on the internship program right now, so if you have any ideas or questions about the program come down and see us. We are arranging for the different counties to hold their interviews

in our offices, if you are interested in this contact us.

We offer many more services (ask those poor students whom we helped through part five of registration during the third week of university, because they were so completely lost with the system that they did not know whether they were coming or going.)

We will, also, be offering more services to you as soon as students council gives us the grant they promised us, and as soon as we get the manpower we need, for our main aid is to help the Ed. student in any way possible.

So from one tired student who put many late hours of work, in the office and away from the office, but who would be interested in hearing your reactions personally, I shall close. Any other information can be warmly obtained from our offices, (EDUCATION BUILDING B-69).

Rots of Ruck,  
Don C. Kondrat,  
President  
Education Students' Association

Dear Editor and Misinformed:

This letter is written to get a lot off my mind with regards to informing the uninformed. The first thing is about the policy that the Gateway has concerning elections. For I personally feel that a student paper like the Gateway should not print things

## Lettitors

### active apathy

Dear "The Hawk":

I am responding to your obscure, generalized, and rather irritating rant in the last issue of the Gateway, not as a representative of "two or three or thousand students (out of 18,000) who read this letter,"

but as the voice of one single "me".

If I read you correctly, your main bitch is that I (as one to the 18,000) am one of "the most apathetic, anti-intellectual group of morons in our entire society". Your reason? Because I don't plan to attend the Western College Bowl at Clarke Stadium! Instead, "anti-intellectual moron" that I am, I prefer to "sit back there... in Cameron

All letters to the editor should be typed double space, not more than 250 words. Otherwise they may be abridged (exceptions will be considered). Pen names will be used at the writer's request. They should be sent to: THE GATEWAY, Room 282, SUB, Edmonton, or dropped off at our offices, no later than 6:00 P.M. Friday and Tuesday, if they are to appear in the following issue. The Gateway shall not be held responsible for any libel or damages occurred.

Library". Now really--wouldn't it have been wiser to have reread your letter at least once before thrusting it in my face?

If you had reread it, I'm sure you yourself would have realized your own blatant inconsistencies. I quote you, Hawk:

"Is university 'spirit' so obscure that out of 9,000 people at a football game last Saturday, I'll bet only 500 were proud

enough to be Number 1 and to express it."

1. Since when is sitting on a bench for two hours with 9,000 strangers, drinking and yelling at some guys playing a game the way to self-actualization? You have confused active participation with grunting "block that kick" in unison.

2. I do not want to be Number 1, just as vehemently as I do not want to be Number

683783. The latter is an unavoidable product of administrating a university of this size, but the former is not. What better way to lose your individuality than to be one of the 500 "Number 1's" (significantly nameless), bleating in time to the big bass drum?

If you would cool down your rahrahzitboabahh mentality for a minute, you might gradually come to accept the fact that not everyone here in this university gets his or her respective rocks off in the same manner.

I actively dislike the mindless, faceless herd mentality that packs 'em in at the Friday Social and that used to draw busloads of lobotomized pompom girls and backthumping armchair athletes to "Varsity football". Therefore I actively decide not to attend. Thankfully, such mass gatherings are declining in popularity, as the need to be "with the gang" is replaced by the desire to develop as an individual person.

I have never met you, "The Hawk" and, since you did not even have enough courage of conviction to sign your real name, I am forced to assume that you are already well on the way to living the "stereotyped, apathetic life" of which you so self-righteously accuse me of being a part. If you are interested in finding out what it is I am actively in to in the battle to keep from losing my integrity, my individuality and my mind in this massive place, come up to me and ask me. But not at the Social or the football game; our voices would be lost in the roar.

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## Dialectics of file systems

What happened was that they handed out all of the editor's jobs to everyone else without even considering that I may want to be somebody important.

So, I've decided to create a position of relative importance for myself--and here it is.

What has been needed for the longest time on this campus is a good file on professors--especially those professors that have done the necessary things to deserve notoriety preserved in concrete form for the benefit of posterity.

The Gateway is quite obviously the organization on this campus that should be in charge of keeping such a set of files--the Students' Union couldn't be trusted with a task that important as most of them are so reactionary that they don't represent the students of even this campus.

My proposal is quite simply this: that anyone who has had an especially bad or an especially good (perish the thought) experience with a professor or administrator jot down an account of same and forward it to me, in care of the Gateway. Once received, such an account will be typed up and put in the proper file (under S if the guy's name is Smith, for instance).

The files will be locked in a file cabinet in Bob Beal's office, which will also be kept locked almost all of the time. I will act as custodian of these files, and will keep them absolutely confidential (from professors that is).

Any student who produces the proper student's I.D. and at least a semblance of some excuse for wanting to get into these files will be allowed to. In no case, however, will any student be allowed to take any file out of Bob Beal's office.

The files and the immediate territory around them will remain absolutely sacrosanct (to profs and administrators that is). All contributors will be asked to sign their names to contributions, which signature will remain only long enough for me to check out the story with that student, after which his/her name will be deleted before the contribution is added to the file.

At opportune times, with the proper provocation from the other side, suitable sections of the file will be printed up in the Gateway under an appropriate column head such as P.O.W. (Prof of the Week, or Pig of the Week, I don't know yet).

In the eventuality that our file grows to respectable size it could be used as bargaining capital with the administration that handles the affairs of the more influential profs and deans. We could, for instance, agree to let them peruse our files of them if they allow us unrestricted access into their files of us.

Or, better yet, we could arrange a mutual destruction party; we burn our files of them if they burn their files of us. That would put a lot of clerks out of jobs and worse yet relegate me right back into the vacuum of unimportance, but somehow, it will all have been worth it.

Winston Gereluk  
Confidential Professors' Files Custodian  
c/o Gateway Office  
Students' Union Bldg.

P.S. I would also welcome any suggestions from students towards improving the quality of our files, or for that matter, increasing their use-value.

## Diatribes against Dibdin's Diatribe

Dear Sir,

This campus leaves me in a state of permanent shock. Yesterday I had occasion to visit your university library only to be informed that the book I was seeking had been received and catalogued but is now nowhere to be found even though a most diligent search had been conducted. I ask you, dear sir, how such a state of affairs can be allowed to continue for it seems that it is a not uncommon occurrence.

Many of my students complain that books they wish

to consult are never available as the faculty can borrow for unlimited periods. Why should the faculty have this privilege? After all, they are paid exorbitant salaries and should be able to buy the books they need without depriving less well-heeled students of texts. It seems to me that the loan period should be fixed at 2 weeks and be the same for everyone--faculty and students alike. In this way the students might have fewer problems.

Yours faithfully,  
Dr. Thomas F. Dibdin.

Dear Sir:

I take strong exception to Professor Dibdin's tirade in the Gateway of November 2. His comments seem rather carping criticisms to make of a student newspaper. We all recognize that the Gateway cannot expect to compete with the standards of journalism attained by the Edmonton Journal or the Globe and Mail. Dr. Dibdin should have some patience and restrict his comments to areas he knows something about.

Sincerely,  
(Miss) Elsie Dewey  
Nursing II

Dear Sir,

I was dismayed by the recent letter in the Gateway written by a Dr. Dibdin. Furthermore, I take strong exception to his comment regarding student newspapers in Calcutta. Having lived in that city I can assure you that the Rajamatik (Calcutta) is certainly better than allowed by Dr. Dibdin. Knowing of the gentleman by reputation I thought it wise to look into his background and discovered that the last time Dr. Dibdin was in Calcutta was shortly after his birth.

Dr. Dibdin, do not make baseless statements!

Humbly yours  
Singh Rangamattan.  
Grad Studies.

## ALONE

To Alone:  
Fact

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Those present to plan a purple monstrosity for the front page were: Barbara (women can't swear; shit, I didn't know that) Preece, Iren (how do you spell that?) Kucharyshyn, Dennis (sexist pigs, unite) Windrim, Ross Harvey and his wonderful performing dogs, Beth (my God, I really AM loved) Nilsen, Dennis (oh well, the Skins had a rough time Sunday) Zomerschoe, Rick (I miss you, Henri) Grant, Winston (a sex symbol--well, ain't I?) Gereluk, Marilyn (who are the weirdos?) Strilchuk, Pauline (what's next, sir?) Mapplebeck, Janine (saviour of the features pages) Sang, Ron Yakimchuk, Bob Beal, Lana Yakimchuk, Ron Ternoway, Elsie Ross, Dave McCurdy, and, last and least, Harvey G. (for Gloryosky! What's happened to the front page?) Thomgirt.

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## Alligators?

Dear Gateway:

### Objectives versus Achievement

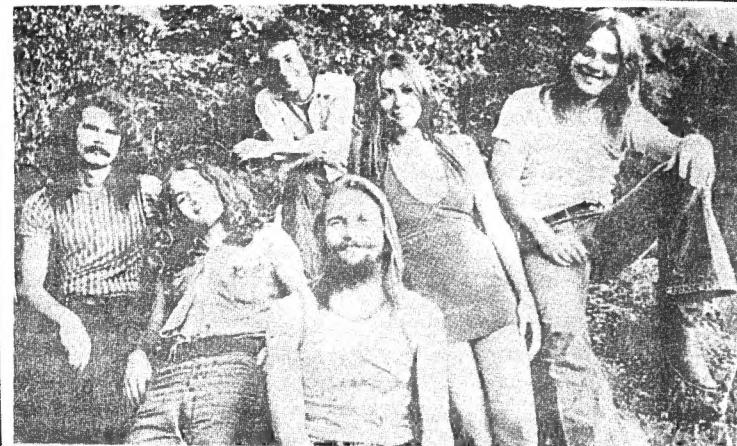
The objective of all dedicated staff should be to thoroughly analyze all situations, anticipate all problems prior to their occurrence, have answers for these problems, and move swiftly to solve these problems when called upon.

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# DEATH: NOT WITH A BANG

by Rick Grant

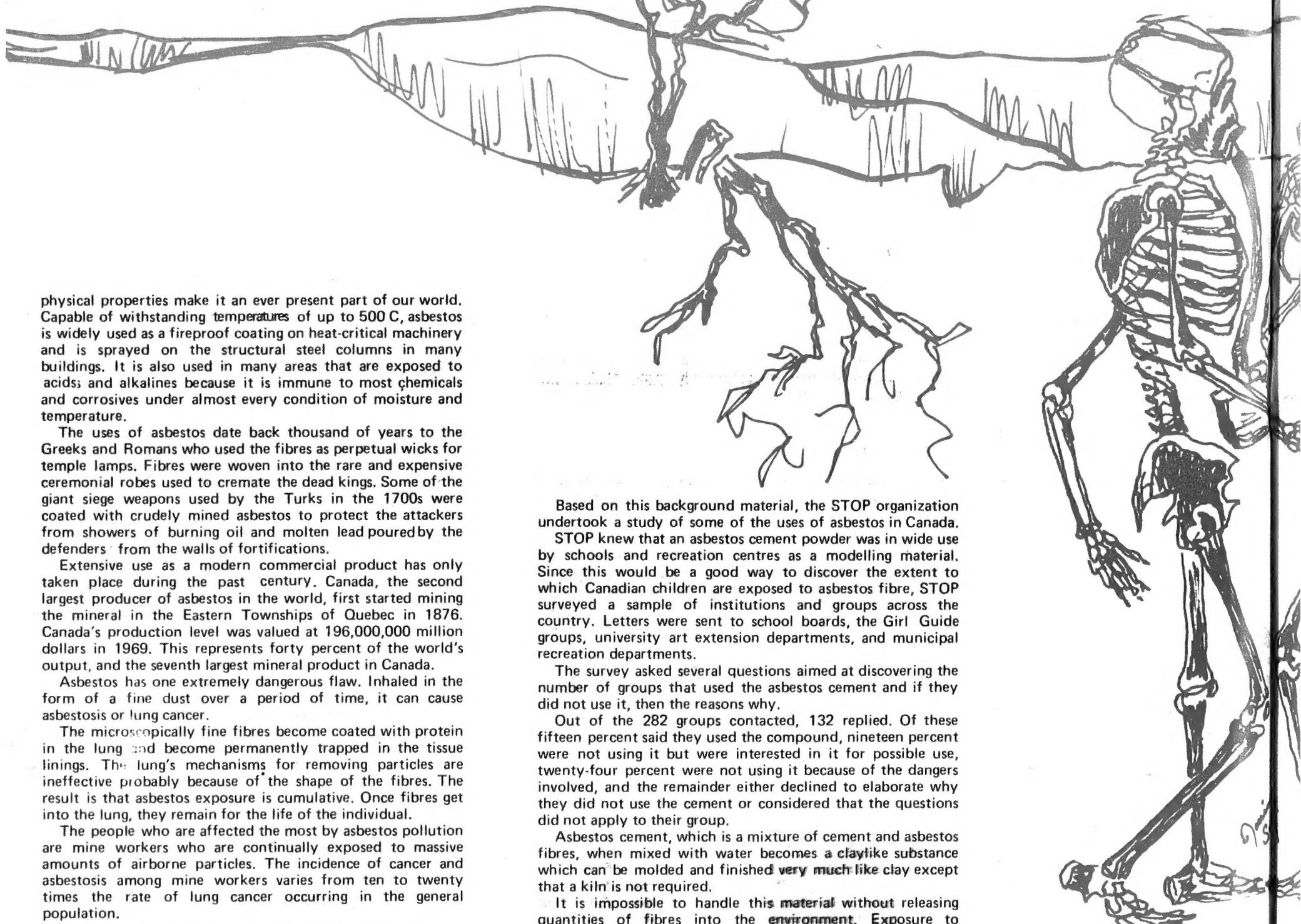
There is a killer waiting for you in the next beer you drink or the next time you use talcum powder.

These two substances among several others have been named as potentially dangerous to the human body by a study carried out by STOP (Save Tomorrow--Oppose Pollution). The study, "Asbestos in Canada: its uses and dangers," was conducted by the STOP organization to point out to the Canadian public the danger inherent in indiscriminate applications of asbestos.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral that has many technological uses in industry and the home. Its unique

The Cassiar Asbestos Company mines, one at Clinton Creek, Y Cassiar in northern British Columbia.

Workers at both the open mine where the ore is refined, faced asbestos dust. Workers stated ex conditions were responsible for the health of the work force within four months.



physical properties make it an ever present part of our world. Capable of withstanding temperatures of up to 500°C, asbestos is widely used as a fireproof coating on heat-critical machinery and is sprayed on the structural steel columns in many buildings. It is also used in many areas that are exposed to acids and alkalines because it is immune to most chemicals and corrosives under almost every condition of moisture and temperature.

The uses of asbestos date back thousand of years to the Greeks and Romans who used the fibres as perpetual wicks for temple lamps. Fibres were woven into the rare and expensive ceremonial robes used to cremate the dead kings. Some of the giant siege weapons used by the Turks in the 1700s were coated with crudely mined asbestos to protect the attackers from showers of burning oil and molten lead poured by the defenders from the walls of fortifications.

Extensive use as a modern commercial product has only taken place during the past century. Canada, the second largest producer of asbestos in the world, first started mining the mineral in the Eastern Townships of Quebec in 1876. Canada's production level was valued at 196,000,000 million dollars in 1969. This represents forty percent of the world's output, and the seventh largest mineral product in Canada.

Asbestos has one extremely dangerous flaw. Inhaled in the form of a fine dust over a period of time, it can cause asbestosis or lung cancer.

The microscopically fine fibres become coated with protein in the lung and become permanently trapped in the tissue linings. The lung's mechanisms for removing particles are ineffective probably because of the shape of the fibres. The result is that asbestos exposure is cumulative. Once fibres get into the lung, they remain for the life of the individual.

The people who are affected the most by asbestos pollution are mine workers who are continually exposed to massive amounts of airborne particles. The incidence of cancer and asbestosis among mine workers varies from ten to twenty times the rate of lung cancer occurring in the general population.

Cancer of the lungs and abdominal linings (mesothelioma) were once so rare they were considered pathological curiosities. But in 1960, researchers began to find large series of cases in populations living or working in and around asbestos mines. Mesothelioma is now a major cause of death among asbestos workers. This has led to the conclusion that Asbestos pollution is by far the largest cause of this disease.

The hazard of asbestos exposure is extremely critical: there have been numerous cases of the disease documented in which the individual's exposure to asbestos has been extremely short or indirect.

Researchers have found, in the lung material from large numbers of autopsies, that up to fifty percent of urban residents examined contained asbestos particles. This indicates that asbestos is a general pollutant in the urban atmosphere and the urban residents are inhaling small quantities of asbestos fibre with each breath they take.

Based on this background material, the STOP organization undertook a study of some of the uses of asbestos in Canada.

STOP knew that an asbestos cement powder was in wide use by schools and recreation centres as a modelling material. Since this would be a good way to discover the extent to which Canadian children are exposed to asbestos fibre, STOP surveyed a sample of institutions and groups across the country. Letters were sent to school boards, the Girl Guide groups, university art extension departments, and municipal recreation departments.

The survey asked several questions aimed at discovering the number of groups that used the asbestos cement and if they did not use it, then the reasons why.

Out of the 282 groups contacted, 132 replied. Of these fifteen percent said they used the compound, nineteen percent were not using it but were interested in it for possible use, twenty-four percent were not using it because of the dangers involved, and the remainder either declined to elaborate why they did not use the cement or considered that the questions did not apply to their group.

Asbestos cement, which is a mixture of cement and asbestos fibres, when mixed with water becomes a claylike substance which can be molded and finished very much like clay except that a kiln is not required.

It is impossible to handle this material without releasing quantities of fibres into the environment. Exposure to respirable dust is possible if not inevitable when the cement is mixed with water and when working the dried artifact.

Although a number of school administrations across the country have either banned the use or warned of the dangers of the product, there is no government control or dissemination of information concerning the health hazards inherent in the product's use.

The STOP study discovered that large numbers of groups and individuals were ignorant of the hazards to the human body arising out of the use of asbestos products.

Following this survey the STOP researchers gathered information at the Cassiar Asbestos Mine in BC as well as in Vancouver, Edmonton, and Toronto. Throughout the study, the researchers found a general lack of concern for the health of the asbestos miners, a large amount of ignorance about the mineral's dangers and rampant apathy among various officials of the government and industry.

Although there are provincial regulations, regular visits to the mines to force workers are unanimous in their opinion that these visits.

"When questioned about the presence of government inspectors, workers replied that they were not always given advance notice. Worker common company policy to prevent government inspectors."

# WITH A WHIMPER

Cominco operates two asbestos mines in the Yukon, and the other at the Cobalt open mine and the milling plant located high concentrations of asbestos. It is extremely dusty working there. Turnover is high, with nearly ninety percent turnover in one year.

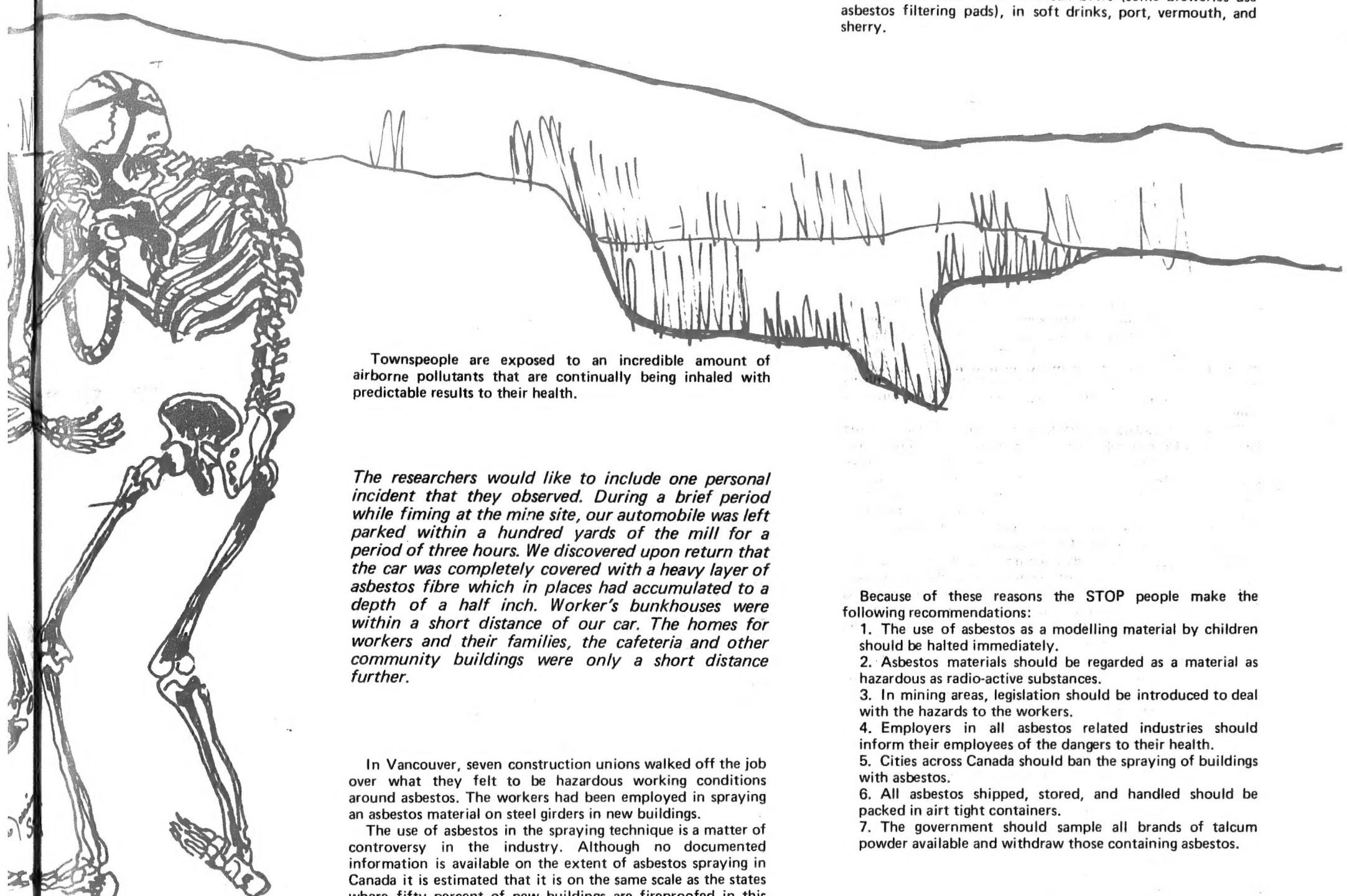
Although a union could conceivably help working conditions, turn-over in staff makes organization ineffective. The large number of non-Canadians hired by the company, and the lack of interest in union activity on the part of these co-workers helps to ensure a weak union.

The Cassiar townsite is located close to the stock piles of asbestos and dust was a continual problem in the town. Workers complained that dust was constantly being blown into the homes and bunkhouses.

Mount Sinai Environmental Medicine Laboratory suggest that asbestos may be the actual villain in ovarian and cervical tumors.

There are several ways in which talcum can be introduced into the female reproductive system. Until recently, doctors used talcum powder to preserve the rubber gloves they wear in pelvic examinations. For the same reason, women dust their birth control diaphragms with talcum. Also, talcum powder is a principal ingredient of feminine hygiene spray.

In addition, asbestos fibres have been detected in the water supplies of several Canadian cities. Asbestos has also been found in Canadian and American beers (some breweries use asbestos filtering pads), in soft drinks, port, vermouth, and sherry.



Townspeople are exposed to an incredible amount of airborne pollutants that are continually being inhaled with predictable results to their health.

*The researchers would like to include one personal incident that they observed. During a brief period while filming at the mine site, our automobile was left parked within a hundred yards of the mill for a period of three hours. We discovered upon return that the car was completely covered with a heavy layer of asbestos fibre which in places had accumulated to a depth of a half inch. Worker's bunkhouses were within a short distance of our car. The homes for workers and their families, the cafeteria and other community buildings were only a short distance further.*

In Vancouver, seven construction unions walked off the job over what they felt to be hazardous working conditions around asbestos. The workers had been employed in spraying an asbestos material on steel girders in new buildings.

The use of asbestos in the spraying technique is a matter of controversy in the industry. Although no documented information is available on the extent of asbestos spraying in Canada it is estimated that it is on the same scale as the states where fifty percent of new buildings are fireproofed in this manner. The danger in the technique lies in the fact that up to twenty-five or even fifty percent of the asbestos sprayed is wasted and finds its way into the environment.

It is estimated that asbestos spraying is responsible for the major part of asbestos pollution in urban areas.

A surprising source of asbestos pollution is talcum powder. A recent study found that eight out of ten brands of talcum powder available on the market contain asbestos in various amounts. Undoubtedly, both the baby and the mother using talcum powder would inhale fibres released while dusting the baby.

Another recent scientific finding is that the talc used in cheap cosmetics of all kinds have been found to contain asbestos.

In addition, further relationships between talc asbestos and cancer have been uncovered. Researchers found particles of talc in seventy-five percent of ovarian tumors and fifty percent of cervical tumors examined. It is reported that scientists at

Because of these reasons the STOP people make the following recommendations:

1. The use of asbestos as a modelling material by children should be halted immediately.
2. Asbestos materials should be regarded as a material as hazardous as radio-active substances.
3. In mining areas, legislation should be introduced to deal with the hazards to the workers.
4. Employers in all asbestos related industries should inform their employees of the dangers to their health.
5. Cities across Canada should ban the spraying of buildings with asbestos.
6. All asbestos shipped, stored, and handled should be packed in airtight containers.
7. The government should sample all brands of talcum powder available and withdraw those containing asbestos.

provincial health inspectors making efforts to force minimum standards, the opinion that little good is done

about provincial health reported that they came once but always gave the company notice. Workers stated that it was policy to pay men overtime to all of prior to the visits of the provincial health inspectors.

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# bissett battling the machine

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In Bedford, Nova Scotia, near the place where I was born, the Canada Dry Company had a bottling plant with a huge glass front. You could look inside from the street, and see the bottles jerking along, stopping here for a dose of soda water, here for a cap, endlessly moving...since it was the only assembly line I had ever seen, I was fascinated by it, and more than a little frightened: if they could do that with pop bottles, they could do that with me. Of course, "they" were doing "that" with me--after I realized this, and left school (and Nova Scotia), I seldom thought about the Canada Dry plant again, though I did dream about the descent of the "capper" in one form or another a few times.

Then three years ago, a friend gave me a copy of Blewointment Press, billed with poems by Bill Bissett. And after looking at a few of them, I realized that he too must have been caught by the assembly line, and frightened by it: and his reaction has been to grab it, to slow it down in a mesh of visions and words, letters and images which sometimes parody the machine, sometimes

make love to it--but never run from it.

Sometimes the machine catches up: several of the poems in this collection were written from a jail cell. But as Bissett has said, (in a poem absent from this collection), "yu don't have to hide yr head".

all criminals are  
the children of the  
law makers

In jail or out, Bissett writes poems out of his experience with the machine. Some of his poems pile the same phrase in stacks twenty deep, and at first you wonder what he is trying to prove. But by the time the phrase has been read twenty times, it has set up its rhythm in your head and has become true, and you realize that the words were picked for the way in which they sing to one another.

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well, but when the poems are  
read you realize, that's the way  
we sound when we speak: Bissett  
is after pure sound, instant  
perception, and in poems like  
"christ i wudnt know normal if i  
saw it when", he uses repetition  
of phrases, certain words  
recurring like echoes from a rung  
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"comprised but / didnt have to  
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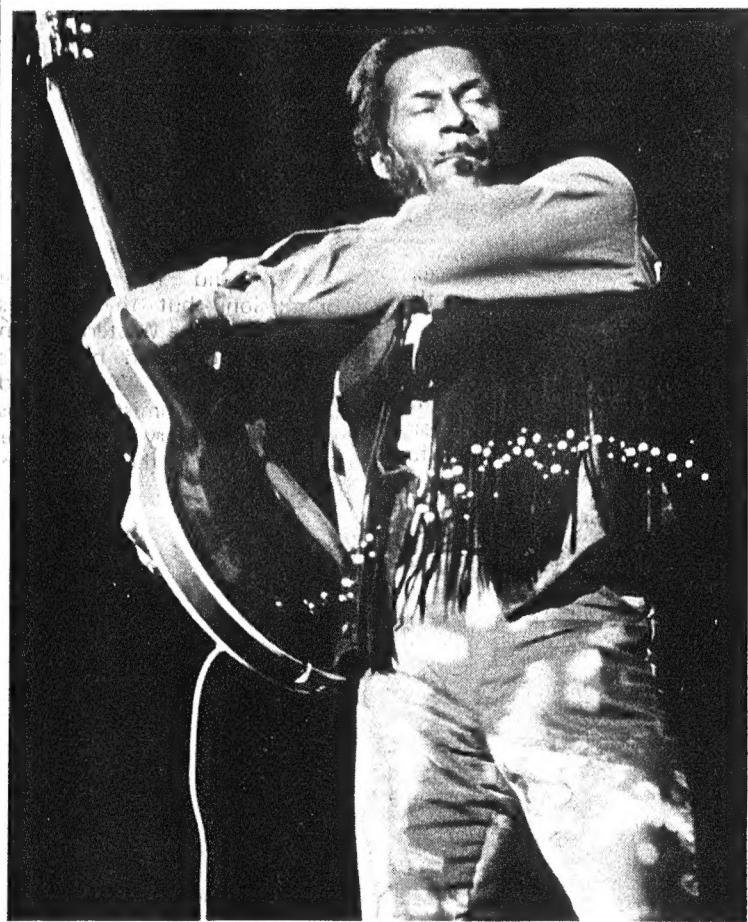
Informing almost every poem in the book is Bissett's sense of humor. I gather that life for him has not been all that easy--probably never is when you refuse to get into the machine--yet in poems like "the average canadian nose bleed", and "THE EMERGENCY WARD", the latter relating how he was saved from psychoanalysis by a friendly nurse who decided that he actually had an "intracerebral bleed", you can almost see him grinning.

Of all the poems in the collection, the best (that is to say, my personal favorite!) is "Killer Whale". It is also the most political poem in the book, and the captured killer whale which fascinates the "groovy salesman of plastic bags" is Bissett himself, is all those who chose to fight against the machine.

The poems were selected by Margaret Atwood and Denis Lee, and this probably just as well, since Bissett's earlier collections from his own publishing concern, Blewointment Press, often erred on the side of throwing too much at the reader at one time. Watching Bissett is like looking into the bottling plant: there is simply too much to see, things fit together too well, and after a time it all becomes blurred. Much better to get him in controlled doses so that it is possible to see the details.

By Sid Stephen

## Rock Revival



Chuck Berry

"I dig rock and roll music!"

Boy of boy! and golly gosh gee whiz! Who woulda thought back in the early fifties that three guitars and a set of drums could change western cultural history?

But that's what happened. From dark beginnings in dingy leather factories and tubes of brylcreem grew and blossomed that musical phenomenon that we call rock and roll.

Drawn mostly from blues and a little bit from folk, rock and roll burst forth from the cellars of America and gradually bludgeoned the ears of three successive generations into happy submission.

But the old fire and raw energy of the original rock "artists" has been sublimated into more thematically and stylistically complex offshoots that, while being more intellectually (and often emotionally) satisfying, have often lost the gonad appeal of the original product.

In fact, there are very few among the present AM generation who can remember what the original real thing was like.

Well now is their chance to find out (and also a chance for those who do remember to re-live a bit of their gold). For now Northwest Releasing is bringing in Richard Nader's New York production of The Rock and Roll Revival.

Actually, there are two companies touring North America composed of original artists of rock and roll and while the company coming to Edmonton does not include the incomparable Bill Haley and the Comets it does include such noteables as: Chuck Berry; Bo Diddley; Shirley and the Shirelles; Gary U.S. Bonds; and the Dovells.

And all these fine old groups will be playing the tunes that they made great! Chuck Berry for instance will be doing such hits as *Roll Over Beethoven*, *Rock and Roll Music* and *Reelin' and Rockin'*. Shirley and the Shirelles will perform such sentimental masterpieces as *Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow*, *Baby It's You*, and *Dedicated to the One I Love*.

When? 7:30p.m. Where? The Edmonton Gardens. What day? November 16. What price? \$3.00, \$4.00, \$4.50, and \$5.00.

See you there.

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By the way, if we're lucky over the weekend and Your Friendly Arts Editor manages to get a little work done, we might have a bizarre interview with the guy who runs Northwest Releasing and two Big Time Toronto promoters next week. Watch for it!

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# Gateway summoned by DIE; fines or suspension claimed possible Gazette by-law revived, but SU needs DIE to enforce it

by Dave McCurdy

A hearing of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board of the Students' Union has been called for next Tuesday night to investigate the controversial Gazette bylaw.

Students' Union president Don McKenzie has asked that the DIE board take disciplinary action against the Gateway for failing to comply with the Gazette bylaw, which directs the Gateway to publish one-half page of council news, free of charge, each issue. The board will hear arguments from both sides, and then make a decision. According to Darryl Ackroyd, DIE board chairman the board has the power to either "fine the Gateway or suspend its publication, which has been done before."

Gateway editor Bob Beal claims that he has not been notified of the charges laid against the Gateway. Beal said he received a note from Ackroyd on Tuesday past stating that the hearing would be held on Tuesday coming; however, no statement of charges was given.

Mackenzie could not be contacted for comment, but Academic vice-president Dave Bilek said that as far as he knew the DIE board had been requested by Mackenzie to merely interpret the bylaw, that is to decide whether it was within the Students' Council's powers to impose such a rule. This was denied by Ackroyd, who confirmed that the board had been asked to discipline the Gateway.

Bilek, when asked why the executive had gone to DIE board instead of trying to compromise with the Gateway, answered,

"Why didn't Gateway try to compromise with us instead of calling that Canadian University Press commission?"

Beal later explained that Gateway did not call the commission, but that it was requested by the Western region of CUP and called by CUP's national office. "Also, said Beal, 'the commission was merely an advisory board made up of people in the journalism business who are in a position to make recommendations on the dispute. It has no legal power whatsoever, whereas DIE board has. I'm very disappointed that the executive has decided to deal with us in a legalistic manner instead of trying to communicate with us."

The Gazette bylaw uproar arose in September when Students' Council passed a

bylaw forcing Gateway to publish one-half page of council news each issue, free of charge. The Gateway published one issue of the Gazette, but has refused to print the Gazette since. All union advertising since the first and only Gazette has been paid for by the Students' Union.

The DIE board is a seven-member body "appointed annually by Students' Council for the purpose of enforcing discipline among members of the Students' Union, interpreting the Constitution and all legislative acts and motions of the Students' Council, and enforcing compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Students' Union and the University Regulations." Its

members, five of whom are regular members (including a chairman), with the other two acting as substitutes, must be in second or further year, and at least one must be a woman.

The penalties which the Board can impose are: monetary fines to a penalty of 25 dollars in the case of an individual and 100 dollars in the case of an organization; suspension of any of the above penalties for a period of up to one year; and disqualification of union members running for election to Students' Council. Thus, contrary to what Ackroyd said, the board cannot suspend publication of the Gateway.



SU pres. McKenzie

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## Ron Ternoway

from my square corner

Most sports editors are dissatisfied jocks, right?

They're the goalies that never quite made it with the bantam team, football players who held tackling dummies, and hockey players who sat on the bench. They're the soccer players who guarded the water bucket and baseball players who weren't even used as pinch hitters.

Well, any one of those describe me fairly well, but Jan Rzyzora of the Campus at Bishop's University is a little different. Not only is he sports editor of the Campus, but he's a cornerback and punt return specialist for the Gaiters, who tackle the Golden Bears in the Western College Bowl at Clarke Stadium on Sunday.

A week ago or so I wrote Jan for some information on the Gaiters, little realizing that he had such an inside track, as it were. His letter was chock-full of information, and here without any further delay is some of it.

"The Gaiter offence is not a very complicated one," begins Jan. "We use two wingbacks and a fullback sided with one halfback. This formation allows us to go regular or, if the need arises, we can double flank either side or even flank the halfback on either side. A sort of complex structure can result, but really it's quite simple."

"Our offence can't really be classified as either a complete running or passing one," he continued. "It's quite balanced. Game plans are usually built around the opposing defence's weaknesses."

In which case it's a pretty good guess that the Gaiters will try a lot of sweeps and quarterback keepers. The Gaiters received the game film of the Bears against the Dinosaurs in Calgary, a game in which Dinnie quarterback Les Horvath was extremely successful running against the Bears.

As for the Gaiter defence, Jan sums it up this way: "The defence is basically a sound one, especially along the line and in the linebacking. The Gaiters allowed only 50 points in six games."

"Any possible weakness in the defence lies in the secondary," he confessed. "While they are sure tacklers, they can be beaten at times by speed."

"Because of this we utilize numerous defensive formations," he said.

All of this means, of course, that if Don Tallas has a good passing day, Mel Smith, Gary Weisbrodt, Roy Beechy, Don Hickey and Vance Curtis are going to have a field day. They're probably the best cast of receivers in Canada, and barring a snow storm, should get a lot of work.

Now down to specifics. Here are some of the key players to watch on the Gaiters, in Jan's words.

Larry Smith- 6', 215 lb. running back. What can be said? He's great. He's a punishing, hurting runner that kills defensive linemen and secondary. He has the size, speed, hands and lust for football that is difficult to find. Smith won the rushing title in the Quebec conference with 860 yards and a 11.1 average, and also captured the scoring title. Just watch him!

Bill Macdonald- 6', 185 lb. quarterback. Bill is a skilled and tactful craftsman. He's able to sense the defensive rushes and blitzes very well, and is extremely good at changing the play at the line of scrimmage. He's got a good passing arm, and isn't afraid to run. He's the team leader.

Sandy Baptist- 6'2", 200lb. end and linebacker. In Jan's estimation, one of the best collegiate football players in Canada. He's very versatile, playing tight end, linebacker, and punting for the Gaiters. Very strong, blocks and tackles with vicious fury.

Charlie Maclean- 5'11", 180 lb. end and placekicker. A very hard worker and dedicated. Not spectacular but a clutch performer. On field goals he's good inside the 45 yard line, his longest being 43 yards this year. Very consistent, and could be a key man if the game is close.

Jan closes with some wary word about the weather. "We are hoping for good weather," he said, "not two feet of snow as has been reported in Lennoxville about the Edmonton area. We don't want to sound too bush, but we're bringing our long johns, caps and mitts just in case."

I've never seen a game played in caps and mitts. It should be just another interesting sidelight to a most exciting Sunday afternoon, so come on out and cheer the Bears on their way to a national championship. (Good Luck, Jim)

### MEMO TO THE GOLDEN BEARS:

REMEMBER, WHEN YOU'RE UP TO YOUR ASSES IN GAITERS, THAT THE REASON YOU'RE THERE IS TO DRAIN THE SWAMP AND WIN THE NATIONAL TITLE.

## U.S. Nats here Saturday

by Stu Layfield

Edmonton puck fans may be treated to the hockey highlight of the season this Saturday night when our University of Alberta Golden Bears host the touring United States National Team at Varsity Arena.

The visiting squad is composed of the finest American amateur hockey players in the republic and is currently training for the World Cup, to be held Dec. 26 - Jan. 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the 1972 Winter Olympics, Feb. 3 - 13 in Sapporo, Japan. The team is based at the Metropolitan Arena, Bloomington, Minnesota, better known as the home of the Minnesota North Stars of the National Hockey League, and is playing an exhibition schedule of over forty games against the best possible competition. The University of Calgary Dinosaurs, who the Americans play Friday night in Calgary, and the Golden Bears are the only Canadian teams the Nats will meet. So far the American team has been decimating a variety of American junior, senior, and university teams and has also enjoyed considerable success against the minor league pros. They twice defeated the Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League, the top farm team of the Minnesota North Stars, won and tied games with the Omaha Knights, the New York Ranger farm team in the Central Pro League, and lost twice to the high-flying Denver Spurs, current league-leaders in the Western Hockey League and the number one farm team for the St. Louis Blues.

The U.S. Nationals are a young team, consisting primarily of recent graduates of American college hockey. The oldest players are 28 year old Bob Naslund and 27 year old Keith Christiansen, both seasoned veterans of international hockey competition, having played on three and five American National teams respectively. The youngest player is speedy centre Robbie Ftorek, 19 years old and a product of Canadian junior hockey. Almost all the players on the club hail from either Minnesota or Massachusetts, two hockey hotbeds where interest in the puck game parallels that of anywhere in Canada.

Several of the players have been drafted by and are presently on player lists of National Hockey League teams, including: forwards Kevin Ahearne (Montreal Canadiens); Phil Wittliff (Philadelphia Flyers); and

Henry Boucha (Detroit Red Wings); and defencemen Tom Mellor and Wally Olds (Both Detroit Red Wings).

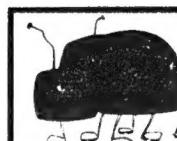
Boucha, a big full-blooded Indian from Warroad, Minnesota, is no stranger to Edmonton, having played two seasons ago as a highly-publicized rookie with the Winnipeg Jets of the Western Canada Hockey League, after a legendary high school career which found him being recruited by every American college hockey power and a number of Canadian junior teams. Last year he returned to the United States to fulfill his military obligations and play for the Nationals; in fact, a number of the players on the team are taking advantage of the opportunity to complete their service commitments and play top calibre hockey at the same time.

There is no doubt that the Nats are a talented hockey team, although it would be foolish to contend that the Americans are in the same class as the Russians and the Czechs. Still they have enjoyed their moments of glory, particularly in 1960 when they captured the Gold Medal in a stunning upset at the Olympics at Squaw Valley. And while their fortunes deteriorated markedly in succeeding years, the last couple of years have seen the Americans pumping considerable new blood in the form of money, players, and organization into an effort to eventually repeat their 1960 triumph. (It might be worth noting at this juncture what Canada and Canadians are doing with regards to hockey at the international level these days). The American team continues to improve every year despite suffering from the effects of a problem that anyone who

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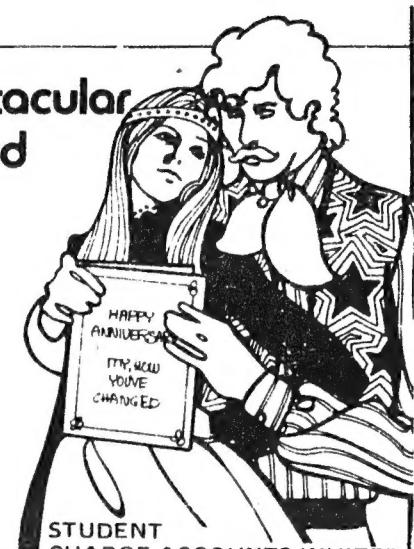
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# Brent, Andy and Harvey's big test

by Walter Neilson

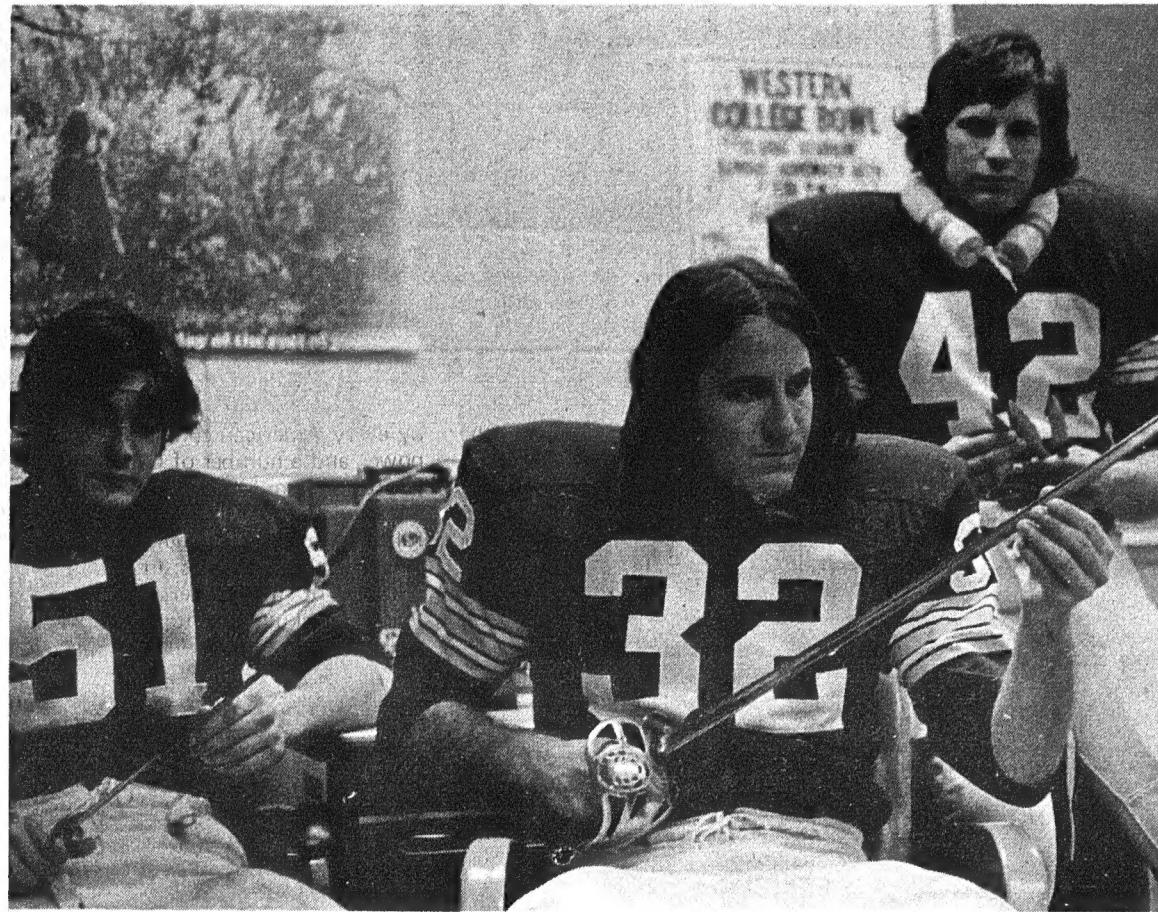
Before the start of the 1971 season, University of Alberta coach, Jim Donlevy was informed that Dave Wray, who was returning to college football after a two year absence, had injured his leg and would be out for the season. That left Donlevy with a serious shortage of line-backers, with Andy McCleod his only returning starter from 1970. Donlevy must have entertained doubts as to whether or not his defence could stop any running attack in the league, as line-backers are the key to a good pro 4-3 defence, such as the Bears employ.

But he needn't have worried. Brent MacClean, who had some experience with the Bears last year, and Harvey Clendenning, a junior football all-star with the Edmonton Huskies, showed in training camp that they were ready to do the job. Donlevy gave them the nod, and they have been justifying his confidence all season long. Along with McCleod, they give the Bears one of the best sets of linebackers in the league.

Of the three, Clendenning was the least heralded at the beginning of the season. "He was a real surprise to us," said defensive coach Bob Bennett, who was full of praise for the style of play the rookie has shown over the year. Playing at middle linebacker, Harvey shows great lateral motion and excellent reaction time. His speed and quickness have helped him compensate for his lack of size in the tougher college circuit.

McCleod, at right linebacker, is in his third season with the Bears. He had a badly sprained ankle that kept him out of action for a couple of games early in the season, but has fully recovered and is playing excellent football. His fine tackling and his ability to read pass plays make him a valuable asset to the defensive crew.

The third linebacker, Brent MacClean, has been another pleasant surprise to the Bears' coaching crew. He was injured



-Chuck Lyall photo

**THERE'S NOTHING IN THE RULES** that says that sabres and things aren't legal tender in the football wars, so linebackers Andy McCleod (51), Harvey Clendenning (32) and Brent MacClean (40) carefully examine prospective tools for Sunday's Western College Bowl at Clarke Stadium. There's a rumour that the defensive secondary have picked up the boys' cue and are looking into the possibility of using Sidewinder missiles to increase the number of interceptions against the Bishop's Gaiters.

most of last season and never had much chance to prove that he was worthy of a starting position. When Wray was injured, however, MacClean was given the task. He has given a solid effort all season and has to figure as a valuable player in assessing returnees for next year.

These three, along with the front four of John Taylor, Bob Clarke, Al Shermachuk and Gary Adam, have been giving opposing ball carriers fits all season long. Though lapses have hurt them in a few games, they have been very effective in cutting off the ground game of

teams in the western Canada circuit.

Their biggest test of the season thus far comes Sunday when the Bears tangle with the Bishops University Gaiters in the Western College Bowl. Bishop's powerful running attack, spear-headed by fullback Larry Smith, led the Gaiters to an undefeated season.

But this writer isn't too worried about Bishop's. If the Bears play the jarring, hard-hitting style of defence they have displayed most of this season,

they should be able to muzzle the Gaiters handily.

And watch Andy, Harvey and Brent when they meet the Bishops' backs coming through the line. Even if they don't speak English, they'll give them the message.

**IMPORTANT**-The athletic department will have free transportation to Clarke Stadium for those on foot. Buses will be departing from Jubilee Auditorium beginning at 1:15 Sunday. Game time is 2:30, so be there.

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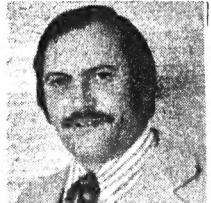
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# STUDENT HELP -- WHEN THERE'S NO-ONE ELSE

Phone: 432 - 5282

by Fiona Campbell

The office is ridiculously cramped for the number of people sitting within, smoking cigarettes and talking in quiet tones. People drift in and out, sit down and exchange a few words and leave. Occasionally the telephone will ring. At a sign the visitors will leave the office, the door will close, and some student to have a male and a female at all times to help anyone who needs assistance.

In interviews with several of the staff on the Student Help

varying accounts of what the job entailed emerged. All were keen on their work, but some were more reticent than others to explain exactly what goes on, in an effort to protect those they assist. However, in the words of Dan Moss, "We try to handle every legitimate request." And this, as I discovered, covers an amazingly diversified gamut from requests on how to bake a Bible cake to how to communicate with a nearly senseless bella donna user.

Tom Likness, the Director, and Les Blakey, a staff member had much to say on the factual aspects of the operation of Student Help. "We have a grant of \$800 per year, of which \$600 is the telephone bill. The remaining \$200 goes to office supplies" said Likness.

The Student Help idea is similar to a facility at UBC which is called Speakeasy. According to Blakey, the Alberta facilities handle more information calls than actual emotional traumas. Dan Moss estimated that 60 per cent of these calls were just for general campus information.

Expansion of the Student Help arrangement is presently under review. A drop in center in the Central Academic Building is becoming a necessity, which would leave the tiny office in SUB free for phone calls. There is also the possibility of either a drug center or a drug squad. Several staff members however felt that a drug center would be unnecessary because of existing facilities like Trust which handle drug cases.

the time element is vital in the case of potential suicides

In essence, the Help office will suggest legal aid, dispense information on general and occasionally particular subjects, and assist students who feel they are getting a raw deal in an academic matter. In addition sympathetic advice is offered to those suffering from emotional distresses, family problems, landlord-tenant disagreements, and students considering dropping out. Student Help makes some attempt to dispel the loneliness and frustration the university situation can provoke.

Dan Moss described the reaction of most callers to



troubles?...

...walk in



just sitting around...

...or waiting

somewhere will receive the undivided attention of the volunteer staff of the Student Help office in SUB.

Student Help is a group of concerned students who have had most of the experiences that frustrate and upset people, and who supply an outlet for someone to request information, cry or just talk all in absolute confidence and anonymity.

The Student Help organization has been on this campus for three years, and in that time has become a highly respected and most necessary service. The volunteer staff of 40 students works shifts all week and on the weekends as well. The policy is Student Help as being a confidence inspired by the fact that the staff are students like themselves, unpaid, and there because they care. "The mistaken notion that paid professionals are less concerned than ourselves really seems indicative when we handle students" said Moss. However, there are obviously situations where professionals have to be called in, and the system at Student Help is remarkably comprehensive. Professors and medical specialists are on call at all times. When a more demanding situation arises, Student Help will turn handsprings to see that the student is put in touch with whatever facility he requires from a psychiatrist to a lawyer.

The art of a good volunteer seems to encompass a fine listening capacity and a tremendous amount of common sense. The general policy is to listen with undivided attention, cogitate briefly, and then make a sensible suggestion. Often, by the time the student has aired the problem, it has diminished somewhat in its overwhelming

original proportion, through the mere act of articulation. The solution also seems to become quite obvious to the student before he has even completed the tale of woe, and all that is required is a little gentle direction. With more complicated cases, (and some are absolutely ghastly), the listening is a balm, and the suggestion to place the student in touch with the appropriate authorities helps in sorting out the confusion. The second party can listen and often see ways out that the person involved can not recognize.

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academic who feels the walls coming in on him than an older person with his days of frenetic youth behind him.

Student Help is an oasis in the midst of a university that breeds alienation and personal anguish

The whole Student Help arrangement is an oasis in a university that breeds alienation and personal anguish. Although not the fault of the university itself, people find it hard to mingle and the need to unburden one's soul can become chronic without release. Just dropping into the office and having a smoke places a person in an atmosphere of people who are there to talk about anything. They don't care who you are or what your name is; as a matter of fact, many just would rather not know.

It's a good place, and a great idea that is really working. One hopes that more people will take advantage of Student Help to make life easier for themselves and others.

The phone number is 432-5282 and there's always someone there.

There's someone there.